

REMARKS

The Examiner has noted the allowability of claims 13-15 and 28-30 if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims, noting that the cross-talk minimization layer interposed between the substrate and the LEDs is neither shown nor suggested in the prior art of record.

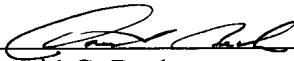
Applicant has amended claim 6, from which claim 13 depends, to include the limitations of claim 13. Claims 14 and 15 have been amended to depend from amended claim 6. Accordingly it is believed that claims 6-12 and 14-15 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 16, from which claim 28 depends, to include the limitations of claim 28. Claim 16 has also been amended to correct a typographical error in original claim 28 (i.e., original claim 28 recited "at least two LEDs" instead of "three LEDs" as recited in original claim 16). Claims 29 and 30 have been amended to depend from amended claim 16. Accordingly it is believed that claims 16-27 and 29-30 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 2 to include the limitation of a minimization layer between the substrate and either the "at least two light emitting regions" (claim 1) or the "at least two LEDs" (claim 2). Accordingly it is believed that claims 1 and 2 as well as those claims which depend from these claims, i.e., claims 3-5, are in condition for allowance.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, it is submitted that pending claims 1-12, 14-27 and 29-30 are now ready for allowance. Early notice to this effect is solicited. If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (415) 393-2404.

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